
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pesticide exposure
2 can cause significant harm to public health and the environment.
3 Restricted use pesticides have been deemed to have high
4 potential to cause harm to surrounding communities, farm
5 workers, pollinators, the environment, and other crops.
6 Comprehensive pesticide use data is therefore essential to
7 accurately assess risks and ensure that communities are
8 protected from adverse impacts.

9 The legislature further finds that Act 45, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2018, established requirements intended to address
11 pesticide abuse in Hawaii, including requiring all users of
12 restricted use pesticides to annually report on their use of
13 restricted use pesticides to the department of agriculture and
14 biosecurity. However, robust and meaningful analysis of
15 environmental and public health impacts of pesticides is
16 contingent on more comprehensive reporting.



1 The legislature notes that, according to the state-
2 sponsored Joint Fact Finding Study Group's report, Pesticide Use
3 by Large Agribusinesses on Kaua'i (2016), "more information is
4 needed about the time and place of applications along with
5 greater oversight to ensure compliance on all Islands. Again,
6 California appears to lead the nation in studies of chronic
7 health effects and/or associations with pesticide use. They are
8 able to reach this level of scientific inquiry because they
9 require careful reporting of pesticide applications that specify
10 what was sprayed, where, when, and in what quantities."
11 Improved reporting in Hawaii can provide policymakers and public
12 health experts with important data with which to make evidence-
13 based decisions about pesticide use.

14 The purpose of this Act is to protect the health of
15 Hawaii's environment and people and enable more informed public
16 health decision-making through improved reporting on restricted
17 use pesticides by requiring the department of agriculture and
18 biosecurity to develop an online reporting tool for restricted
19 use pesticides.

20 SECTION 2. The department of agriculture and biosecurity
21 shall develop an online reporting tool for restricted use



1 pesticide reporting pursuant to section 149A-26, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
6 the department of agriculture and biosecurity to develop an
7 online reporting tool for restricted use pesticide.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 agriculture and biosecurity for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DAB; Restricted Use Pesticides; Online Reporting Tool;
Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to
develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides.
Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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